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SEINERS ARE NOT WHERE FISH ARE

Mackerel Swarming Off Liverpool and Clark's Harbor—Nova Scotia Netters Are Making Big Hauls and Report no Yankee Twiners There.

While no definite news comes of the seiners being on fish on the Cape Shore, a dispatch to the Times this morning gives the good news that the Nova Scotia coast around Liverpool and Clark's Harbor is alive with mackerel, and that the traps at Clark's Harbor are taking immense quantities.

Good news is also brought in by the netters at Liverpool, whose trips range from 600 to 7,000 fish. The netters report that nice schools are off the shore, but no seiners are in sight. The dispatch adds that the vessels are probably lying off Sambro in wait for the fish.

The fish trips from the Cape Shore last year were landed in Boston June 8 by steamer Thelma and sch. Rob Roy.

Netting Fares Corrected.

The netting fares at Newport yesterday were in hundreds instead of thousands as given last night. They were:

Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 1000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Joker, 900 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 300 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Fitz E. Oakes, 300 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Cruiser, 900 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite, 1100 fresh mackerel.

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Sch. Sarah, 700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Favorite, 400 fresh mackerel.

Webber Took First Fish.

The first news from the Cape Shore seining fleet was received today from Capt. Ralph Webber of sch. Lottie G. Merchant, the dispatch stating that Capt. Webber took the first fish, getting 12 barrels off Cross Island. The message is dated at Lunenburg on June 2 and says that Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Seavey; Sch. Romance, Capt. Al Mallock and Sch. Harvard, Cap. Alonzo Smith, also took small schools, and that a dry northeaster was blowing freshly, while the vessel was tied up at the wharf.

Capt. Webber was the first to strike the fish on the Cape Shore last year, taking 200 barrels off Sambro June 2, 1914.

Mackerel Landings at Halifax.

Mackerel arrivals Tuesday at Halifax for the National Fish Company were lighter than usual, only 6700 arriving. The sch. Violet from Sambro, arrived with 3000, the Fairy Queen from Sambro had 700, and James L. from Prospect had 300. They were mostly all medium sized with the balance small in size. This lot were all shipped to outside points including Boston and Portland. No reports were in of any others having been taken.

OVER 1200 BBLs. HERRING HERE

Fish of Largest Kind and of Fine Quality—Freezer Had Lots—Most to Salt.

Over 1200 barrels of herring, of the very latest and best kind were landed by the "smoke" boats yesterday. The freezers had all they could handle while a good part of the day's catch sold to salt.

The catches ranged from 50 barrels up. The Enterprise and Lydia had the largest loads, each bailing out 150 barrels.

The gill netters landed about 8000 pounds fresh fish yesterday. The fleet is gradually getting smaller, the Evelyn H. hauling out yesterday, while the Quartette will wind up today.

Sch. Teazer which disposed of her halibut trip in Boston brought down her flitches and salt cod, which sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, her owners.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. salt cod, 15,000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Str. Sawyer, seining, 75 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. New Boston, seining, 80 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 95 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Beatrice E., seining, 93 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Scolia, seining, 60 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Joppliate, seining, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Mascot, seining, 75 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Herbert and Emma, seining, 80 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Enterprise, seining, 150 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Charles F. Dyer, seining, 50 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Doris, seining, 69 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. San Juan, seining, 58 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Lydia, seining, 150 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quartette, gill netting, 250 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Buema, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, shore.

Sch. Tacoma, drifting.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, drifting.

Str. Lois H. Corkum, seining.

Sch. Eva L. Spurling, swordfishing.

Sch. Yankee, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; small, \$3.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Drift codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Cape North codfish, large, \$3; medium, \$3.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; small, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; small, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; small, 75c.

Snappers, 75c.

Drift codfish, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per pound less than above.

Peak cod, \$1.80 for large; medium, \$1.40.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.40; medium, \$1.00; small, 50c.

Shore pollock, round, 90c; dressed, \$1.

Fresh halibut 13 per lb. for whole; 9c for gray.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl. for whole; \$2 to freeze; \$1.50 to salt.

ICE HOLDING UP N. F. FISHERMEN

The unusual persistence of the blockade of the Newfoundland coast is delaying the annual migration fishermen and their families to Labrador and is endangering those vessels which have ventured out. The steamers have not yet been able to make a trip up the northeast coast. Three vessels have suffered from collisions with icebergs during the week, the fishing schooner Flower Home having sunk when almost her destination and the steamers N. cunia and Beothie having been damaged.

In spite of the threatening conditions the usual number of fishermen are preparing for the trip to the fishing grounds where each year several families spend the summer months. About 1200 schooners, mostly of the fishing smacks, ordinarily participate in the expedition. In perhaps 200 harbors along the 600 miles of the Labrador coast the fishermen install their families in temporary homes. While the vessels bring in their catch, the women and children assist in the distribution of meat in the war houses, a little food is obtainable in the bar country, each vessel carries a stock of provisions for the season. The waters are stormy and there are many wrecks each year.

Held Up for Supplies.

By the Fogota we learn that the Labrador fleet of vessels in Bonaville and Trinity Bays are now ready to go to the fishery, but are unable to get here for supplies. It is thought likely that the French Shore fishery will be abandoned altogether this year, as by the time vessels are ready the season will be too far advanced.—St. John's Herald, May 27.

Spoke Sch. Atalanta.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey, reports speaking sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadding, recently in the Gulf. The Atalanta had been meeting with good fishing, while the Gulf was free of ice.

Will Bring Herring.

Sch. Antonia entered yesterday at Curling to load herring for Cunningham & Thompson of Gloucester.—St. John's Herald, May 27.

Port Aux Basque Weather.

Port aux Basque weather report today: Temperature 44; wind east, 16 miles; no rain.

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THREE SEINERS MARKET BOUND

Deeply Loaded Trio Passed Liverpool, N. S., Last Evening—Nova Scotia Netters Still Doing Big in Latter Locality—One Large Fare.

The Cape Shore seiners have struck fish, according to a dispatch to the Times from Liverpool, N. S., this forenoon, from its accurate correspondent, D. C. Mulhall, which states that three seiners, deeply laden and under power, passed Liverpool harbor, last evening. The names of the crafts were not ascertained.

The dispatch says that large bodies of mackerel are now on the coast. The high line knockabout netter Helen G.

MacLean has arrived again at Liverpool, N. S., with 10,000 fish, mostly large, making upwards of 30,000 taken by the craft in six days. The weather continues fine.

Mackerel are sowing up around the coast, the herring seiners off Boone Island, taking a scattered fish among their catches. The fish were all large.

Yarmouth Steamer Brings Fish.

The Yarmouth steamer brought 443 barrels of fresh mackerel to Boston this morning, caught by the traps and netters.

Provincetown Fishing News.

The mackerel druggers had a bad breeze last Thursday night off New Bedford and some lost nets. Sloop Crescent lost 22 nets but they were picked up and landed at Nantucket. Capt. Frank Williams lost his nets but recovered them himself.

Capt. William Wolff, just returned from New Bedford, dragged for mackerel in the bay Sunday night and got 400 fish.

Sch. Arbitrator, Capt. Manuel Enos, loaded 9000 ground fish the past week and reported the loss of 38 tubs of trawl. She also reports sch. Delphine Cabral with the loss of 15 tubs of trawl.

The fish trap owned and operated by the Fisherman cold storage was carried away by the very high tides last week.

Work on the new Colonial cold storage is progressing rapidly. The concrete foundation for the freezer is finished and the frame work is going up.

The traps are getting good catches of whiting and a few mackerel.

BOSTON HAS ONE ARRIVAL

One lone arrival was all that reported at the Boston fish pier this morning, being the Provincetown sch. Rose Dorothea which hauled for 50,000 pounds fresh fish and 700 weight of halibut.

Prices, wholesale were \$3.50 a hundred for haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 for large and \$2 to \$2.50 for market cod, \$1.25 to \$2.25 for hake and \$2 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 4000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 5000 hake, 19,000 cusk, 700 halibut.

Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.25; pollock, \$2.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Robert and Richard sold to the American Halbut Company for eight cents per pound for white, six cents per pound for small gray and three cents for large gray. The fare of sch. Georgianna sold to the New England Fish Company at the same prices, to take out in Boston.

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ay dren's Sunday at the Congregational church. In the forenoon there will be baptism of children and in the evening the annual Children's Day concert will be held.

Miss Geneva Smith, one of our out-of-town teachers is visiting relatives in town.

We are glad to report the improvement of Eben P. Rowe who underwent an operation several weeks ago at the Leader M. Haskins hospital.

Letter carrier Albert S. Parsons who entered the Boston American Panama-Exposition contest has withdrawn.

IN FAVOR CODFISH?

Says as Record

Now Stands it Appears So to Be—Asks President Davis to Call Meeting of Directors to Consider Matter—Points Out What May Follow if in Face of Present Appearances Attempt is Made in Future to Restore Duty on "Green" Codfish.

Is the Gloucester Board of Trade in favor of the admission free of duty of whole salt codfish? Congressman Gardner is anxious to know and therefore has written to President Fred L. Davis of that organization to find out. In his letter the Congressman points out that as the record stands at present the Board appears to advocate this, and at the same time he calls attention to what this stand means in event of any attempt in the future to restore the duty on "green" codfish.

In the letter which follows, the Congressman expresses a desire for an expression of opinion of the board of directors of the Board of Trade as to just where the Board stands on this matter of most vital interest to Gloucester, and the New England fishing industry in general.

The Congressman's Letter.

Hamilton, Mass., June 3, 1915.

My Dear Sir:—Before I left Washington last week I received a telegram from you.

It read as follows:

Gloucester, Mass., May 23, 1915. Congressman Augustus P. Gardner, Washington, D. C.

The following firms representing all those engaged in the fishing industry in the city at a meeting held today at the Board of Trade rooms voted as follows: "We strongly protest against a duty on whole salt codfish while the present low duty of 3-4 cents per pound on skinned or boned fish remains in force." Gorton-Pey Fisheries Co., Cunningham & Thompson, Davis Brothers, Booth Fisheries Co., Frank F. Smith Co., George Perkins & Sons, William H. Jordan Co., Sylvanus Smith Co., Inc., P. J. O'Brien & Co., Henry E. Pinkham, Gloucester Salt Fish Co.

Gloucester Board of Trade, By Fred L. Davis, Pres."

I at once brought your telegram to

the attention of the Treasury Department.

It has now been brought to my attention, however, that there is some difference of opinion in Gloucester on the question of the duty which ought to be assessed on whole codfish. I am told that the meeting held at the Board of Trade rooms last Friday was not a meeting of the Board of Directors, and that the firms and individuals engaged in the production of fish were not altogether represented.

In view of the importance of the precedent to be established if the Gloucester Board of Trade is prepared to go on record as advocating the admission of whole codfish free of duty, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding in the future as to my files and the files of the Treasury Department may show the Board's exact position on the main question, I suggest, if it meets with your approval, that you call a meeting of the Directors of the Gloucester Board of Trade for the purpose of considering the matter further.

With out going into the question as to whether whole codfish with part of the backbone removed is or is not "boned" fish within the meaning of the law, I respectfully invite your attention to the fact that, as the Record stands, the Gloucester Board of Trade appears at present to advocate free whole codfish. I need hardly point out to you that this record if allowed to continue unaltered will necessarily carry great weight if at some future time an effort should be made to restore the duty on green codfish.

I know of no stronger weapon which could be devised for those people who advocate the free admission of food products, whether raw or manufactured.

May I hope to hear from you as to the wishes of your Board of Directors?

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

A. P. GARDNER.

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